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PRETORIA READY TO SURRENDER.

Earl of Rosslyn Says It Will Be Occupied Without Resistance.

BRITISH ARRIVAL EXPECTED.

Burgomaster Appoints a Committee to Preserve Order—General Suyman Has Gone to His Farm, Wounded—Burgomaster De Sousa Authorized to Receive the British—President Kruger Has Gone to Watervalboven—Traffic Between Lourenzo Marques and the Transvaal Officially Closed—Boers are Leaving Natal—Clery is Bombarding Laing's Nek—London Rejoices at Continued Success.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, May 31.—3 a. m.—Yesterday at noon the British were only about two hours' march from Pretoria, and the Boer military forces had abandoned the city. This intelligence comes from the Reuter agent at the Transvaal capital and from the Earl of Rosslyn, in a press dispatch. The two messages left about the same time.

Most of the London morning papers treat the war as ended. Some of the more cautious critics think that guerrilla warfare is likely to be carried on for some time in various parts of the conquered territories.

Although the Boer forces are dissolving, Lord Roberts, apparently, has not yet taken any considerable quantity of artillery, arms or stores. Large bodies of Boers must still be somewhere in the field.

Watervalboven, or Waterfall Boven, is a small mountain place one hundred and thirty miles due East of Pretoria, on the Delagoa Bay railway. The seat of the Boer Government—what is left of it—will probably be Lydenburg, to the north.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Wednesday, says: "Commandant Kraus has surrendered Johannesburg to Lord Roberts."

The British authorities at Bulawayo think the Boers will retire into Southern Rhodesia.

JOIN THE BRITISH ARMY.

By the release of the British prisoners at Waterval a full brigade will be added to the army of Lord Roberts, as there were one hundred and seventy-seven officers and 4,812 privates among them.

General Hunter re-entered the Transvaal at Maribospan Tuesday. The advance was made off the railway.

Yesterday General Hunter reached Gersdorp, with ten days' supplies. Maribospan is half way between Vryburg and Mafeking. Gersdorp is from twelve to fifteen miles east. General Hunter meets with no resistance.

General Baden-Powell's invading further north, without opposition. Commandant Snyman having gone toward Pretoria.

In Northern Natal Utrecht has surrendered to General Hilyard, and General Littleton is moving to Vryheid. Three different correspondents estimate the number of Boers at Laing's Nek at about 10,000.

London, May 31.—2 a. m.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from the Earl of Rosslyn, who was a prisoner at Pretoria, but who, as a civilian, appears to have been released: "Pretoria, Wednesday, May 30.—10:40 a. m.—Pretoria will be occupied in about two hours, without resistance. The President has gone to Watervalboven. Burgomaster De Sousa is authorized to receive the British. He, with an influential committee of citizens, including Chief Justice Geogorowski, has been appointed to preserve life and property during the interregnum."

"Everything is quiet but crowds are waiting expectantly in Church Square for the arrival of the British."

"Fearing a possible disturbance and bloodshed among the prisoners of war at Waterval, United States Consul Hay and Leigh Wood insisted upon twenty officers being liberated on parole to go to the men. Their action cannot be too highly praised."

"I was permitted to accompany the officers. Everything was quiet."

Pretoria, Wednesday, May 30.—At a public meeting called this morning by the Burgomaster of Pretoria a committee was appointed to keep public order.

London, May 30.—Any prolonged defence of Pretoria is considered highly improbable, and many military men anticipate that General French will capture the Transvaal capital within a day or two by a sudden and unexpected move.

GEN. SNYMAN WOUNDED.

A dispatch from Mafeking, dated Friday, May 25, reports that General Snyman, the Boer commander, has left his force and arrived at his farm with a shrapnel bullet in his foot.

The War Office has communicated to the organizers of the Imperial Yeomanry the Government's gratitude for its services.

The War Office adds that the time has arrived when the committee of the Imperial Yeomanry can safely be released from "its arduous duties, so patriotically assumed at a time of national emergency."

Pretoria, May 29.—An official war Bulletin just issued is as follows: "On Sunday a fight occurred close to Van Wyck's Rust, in Gatsrand. The Federals fought well, and the British troops seemed tired out. At dark the Federals were forced to retire in the direction of Van Wyck's Rust on account of the overwhelming force of the British."

London, May 30 (11:15 p. m.)—The

War Office has just announced that no news has been received here tending to confirm a rumor, said to be current in Berlin, that Johannesburg has been blown up.

AT JOHANNESBURG.

Pretoria, May 29.—A dispatch sent from Johannesburg last night describes the town as intensely excited throughout the day on reports that the British were approaching; but says the excitement subsided in the evening, owing to rumors that the British had been driven back. There are large numbers of burghers at Johannesburg, but remarkable order prevails there.

Pretoria, May 30.—British officers are now at Johannesburg dictating terms of surrender.

The British advance guard is half way between Johannesburg and Pretoria.

It is reported that there is a force also at Huthery.

All the forces have been dismissed from the forts around Pretoria.

President Kruger is now at Waterfallboven.

TRAFFIC CLOSED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Lourenzo Marques, Wednesday afternoon, May 30.—Goods traffic between here and the Transvaal was officially closed today, the reason apparently being the military movements in progress.

A Transvaal Boer commando has arrived at Komati Poort. All the Portuguese troops have been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to the frontier, and the Portuguese fleet along the coast has received orders to concentrate here.

Bloemfontein, Monday, May 28.—Amid salutes and cheers and the singing of "God Save the Queen" the military governor, Major General George Pretzman, at noon formally proclaimed the annexation of the Free State under the designation of the Orange River Colony. The ceremony was somewhat imposing, and the scene in the market square inspiring. An immense concourse had gathered and the town was gay with bunting. The balconies and windows surrounding the square were crowded with ladies.

The troops were drawn up under command of General Knox, and entertained the spectators.

General Pretzman read Lord Roberts' proclamation annexing the Orange Free State as conquered by Her Majesty's forces to the Queen's dominions, and proclaiming that the State shall henceforth be known as the Orange River Colony.

Lusty cheers greeted the concluding words of the proclamation and these were renewed with ever increasing volume as Lord Acheson unfurled the Royal standard and the bands struck up "God Save the Queen," all present joining in singing the national hymn.

BOERS LEAVING NATAL.

London, May 30.—It is officially announced that the Boers are leaving Natal.

General Hildeyard has occupied Utrecht in the southeastern portion of the Transvaal.

"Clery is bombarding Laing's Nek. The enemy are much disheartened and were they not in such very strong positions I doubt if they would show fight. The railway was opened to Newcastle on May 28."

HORRIBLE RACING ACCIDENT.

HARRY MILES KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED AT WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Waltham, Mass., May 30.—The race meet of the Massachusetts division of the L. A. W. at the Waltham bicycle track today were marred by a shocking accident, one rider being killed and others hurt.

The accident occurred in the second mile of the four-cornered international motor-paced race, the contestants being Everett B. Ryan, of Waltham; Albert Champion, of Paris; Archie McEachern, of Toronto, and William P. Stinson, of Cambridge.

In the first lap of the second mile, on the turn into the back stretch, the four pacing machines were stretched across the track. Champion swerved into the grass, and in avoiding him, Harry E. Miles, 25 years old, of Lynn, forced up the track and over the bank. Both men were thrown, Miles striking head first upon an electric light pole, and William Stafford, 24 years of age, of Cambridge, who were riding the Stinson motor pacing tandem, were receiving a fractured skull. The top of his head was crushed in, and as he was being removed to the training quarters his brains ran out upon the stretcher. He died a very few minutes after the accident. Stafford, who was riding behind Miles, was thrown bodily through the picket fence, his skull fractured, his nose broken and his false teeth forced down his throat. He was removed to the Waltham hospital, where his death is expected at any moment.

The big motor tandem which they were riding was thrown over the fence, upon the crowd which had been watching the racing. It fell upon half a dozen men and women. Patrick Shanahan and George Hill, both of Newton Upper Falls, each had a broken leg, and two other men and women were rendered unconscious.

The race was won by Archie McEachern, with Ryan second and Champion third. Time, 35:40 3-5.

The five mile motor tandem handicap, professional, was won by Cook and Sheering, Callahan and Champion second. Time, 7:38 4-5.

Jimmy Michael rode a five mile motor paced exhibition in 8:59 1-5.

The attendance was over 20,000. Stafford died to-night.

Jubilee Won the Derby.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, May 30.—A Epsom today, the race for the Derby stakes of 6,000 sovereigns was won by the Prince of Wales' Diamond Jubilee at 6 to 4; Simon Dale was second and Disguise I third. Time 2:42, equalling the Derby record.

It is said \$1,000,000 changed hands by the result. Diamond Jubilee has won for the Prince nearly (pounds) 17,000 (three seasons) with four great races ahead, surpassing thousands cheered today's winning of another Derby ribbon for the Prince.

PEKIN LEGATIONS TO BE GUARDED.

Great Powers Are Taking Action to Guard Their Legations.

WARSHIPS HOURLY EXPECTED

United States, Great Britain, Japan, Germany, Italy, Russia and France Have Each Ordered Troops to Peking—Viceroy Declines to Let Them Proceed There by Rail Without Consent of the Tsung Li Yamen—News of Fresh Atrocities by the "Boxers" Constantly Reaching Peking—More Christians Massacred—Chinese Soldiers Deserting—Furnish Arms to the "Boxers."

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Tien Tsin, May 30.—American, British, Japanese, Italian, Russian and French troops to the number of 100 each have been ordered to guard their respective legations at Peking, but the Viceroy here will not allow them to proceed hence to Peking on the railroad without the authority of the Tsung Li Yamen. One hundred and eight Ameri-

CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Heroes Who Wore the Gray the Guests of Kentucky.

GREAT ADDRESSES HEARD.

General Gordon the First Speaker—Dr. B. M. Palmer Delivers a Scholarly Address

—Old Rebel Yell Heard with All the Strength of Yore—Sons of Veterans Will Meet This Morning—The Battle of Perryville Will Be Re-fought To-day, Weather Permitting—General George E. Gordon Will Command the Confederates, and General E. H. Hobson the Federals.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Louisville, Ky., May 30.—Surrounded by waving banners bearing the fiery cross of the Confederacy, listening to the cheers from the throats of 3,000 men who wore the gray, and confronted by the waving handkerchiefs of hundreds of ladies, General John B. Gordon, commander of the United Confederate Veterans, to-

ville in behalf of the Board of Trade of that city. Rev. Carter Jones extended the welcome in behalf of the Commercial Club of that city.

While he was in the midst of his address the A. P. Hill Camp, of Petersburg, Va., came into the hall, headed by a file and drum corps, which created such a noise that it was impossible for Mr. Jones to continue.

Other speeches were made by Colonel Attila Cox, Chief Justice Hazelrigg, General Buckner, and Colonel Bennett H. Young.

At the conclusion of his address Colonel Young turned to General Gordon and handed him the keys of the building, which had been erected for the Reunion.

GENERAL GORDON'S ADDRESS.

General Gordon was visibly moved by the reception he met with, and for several minutes stood bowing his thanks. When quiet was restored again he spoke as follows:

General, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Reception Committee:

No man is gifted enough, and no words are strong enough to tell Kentuckians what we feel at this hour, and how deeply we feel it. Shall I say for my comrades and myself that we are grateful, profoundly grateful? That would be, in the presence of such a demonstration, the merest commonplace, the needless statement of a patent fact, which you already know or can plainly read in these moistened eyes and quivering lips. Shall I tell you that we are amazed, that we were unprepared for such a display, such exuberance of hospitality, such warmth and prodigality of welcome? I cannot say that, for it would be untrue. We knew beforehand what to expect of this great-hearted people.

Your distinguished fellow citizen, Colonel Bennett Young, who was the selected mouthpiece of your delegates, had assured us at Charleston in words fervid and eloquent, that if we would come to Louisville, Kentucky's homes and hearts, Kentucky's wealth, the products of her unrivaled pastures, her tenderest lambs and fastest beees and the contents of her granaries, transmitted by Kentucky magic into flour, corn and rye—that all these should be ours, the support and the solace, the meat and the drink of these battle-worn men.

We have come to find not only that it is true, but that the half had not been told. What can I say, then, what can any man say or do to represent to this people the responsive echoes of our deeply stirred sensibilities? If I possess the mystic power to catch and transmute into burning sentences the thoughts of these brains and be rhythm of these hearts, I might hope to give you some conception of our appreciation of this Kentucky greeting. Why has not some Edison or some gifted scientist, moved by a genius divine, invented some means of photographing human emotions? Why did not that crazy delver into nature's secrets, who discovered the X-rays, give us a double X-ray, powerful enough to expose to Kentucky's view the emotions of these men? If such an instrument were at your command this morning, you would see inscribed upon these hearts, in indelible letters, the beloved name of Kentucky.

The truth is, gentlemen, that your State holds a place among her sisters that is not only unique but decidedly picturesque.

She is sui generis. As a Georgian, I feel an unpeakable pride in my native State, in her glorious past; and I confidently predict for her a great and enviable future. As a southerner I glory in the unrivaled gifts of this section to the general government; in its illustrious names, in the untarnished honor of its public servants and in the brilliant achievements of its sons in peace and war. As an American, who loves his whole country, I confidently claim for her the foremost place among all the nations. I proudly challenge the records of all time to furnish a parallel to her career; to equal the practical and developing genius of her citizens; to match her high and holy political aims; to present a spectacle so inspiring to humanity; as we stand, the noblest representative of all that is pure in religion, conservative in government, or embodying in freedom—the one commanding and conquering republic, unchallenged in her leadership and unapproachable in her record of grandeur and glory. Loyal as I believe myself to be to all States and sections, as well as to the great Republic itself, I nevertheless declare my conviction that Kentucky's history taken as a whole, entitles her to a position in the front rank of States. Look at her early struggles with stealthy and blood-thirsty savages in the wilds of an unbroken wilderness, when her bold pioneers were all heroes and their wives and daughters were all heroines. When even her faithful black slaves caught the contagion of courage and of sacrifice. What story in fiction, for example, can compare in romantic interest to that of Kentucky's three maidens captured and borne away by Indians, and rescued by their three lovers after long and eager pursuit day and night through dense canebrakes and tangled jungles? What creation of fancy ever equaled in thrilling details the story of Kentucky's brave matron, Mrs. Woods, who barred her cabin door against howling savages, while the only one who forced an entrance met his death at the hands of her dauntless daughter, who, with uplifted axe struck him down and chopped off his head as he was held to the floor by the lame but heroic black slave. Would that the short time allotted me permitted reference to the long list of other heroines of Kentucky's early history, and to her Daniel Boones, and her Clarkes, and a host of other stalwart men and brave women who thus blazed out the highway of progress and of freedom.

Beginning her life amidst such surrounding, reared to staidhood upon food so conducive to exalted manhood and noble womanhood; is it any wonder that Kentucky's daughters of today are the pride of a great commonwealth and challenge universal recognition as among the fairest, the truest and tenderest of our peerless women? Is it any wonder that the Kentucky of today boasts of the proud array of her great

MEMORIAL DAY AT RICHMOND.

Soldiers of the Blue and Gray Honor Departed Comrades.

S. A. L. TRAIN TO TAMPA.

Charles E. Hunter Found Dead in a Hotel—

Richmond's Public School Teachers May Not Act as Census Enumerators—

Jackson Ward Political Troubles to be Taken into the Courts To-day—Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee Ill at Richmond—Dr. Gilchrist, of Norfolk, Nominated for Place on State Veterinary Board—A Large Party of Prominent People Go on the Seaboard Air Line Trip to Tampa.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., May 30.—Memorial Day was observed here by a general suspension of business. This afternoon thousands visited Hollywood Cemetery, where the graves of the soldiers were decorated. The procession to that place was an inspiring one, the military and hundreds of Confederate veterans being in line. The oration was delivered by Hon. D. Gardner Tyler, of Charles City county, who paid a high tribute to those who gave up their lives in the defense of their country.

Phil Kearney Post, G. A. R., to-day decorated the graves of the Federal soldiers in the National Cemetery. The oration was delivered by Mr. Edgar Allan, Jr.

OFF FOR TAMPA.

President John Skelton Williams, accompanied by a large party of Richmond and Baltimore capitalists and newspaper men, left at 9 o'clock this morning for a tour of inspection of the Seaboard Air Line from this city to Tampa, Fla. The party was accompanied by the Seaboard Air Line Band, of Portsmouth, and pulled out of the depot with flags flying and sweet strains of music filling the air.

DEAD IN A HOTEL.

Mr. Charles E. Hunter, of Fredericksburg, was found dead at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Lexington Hotel here. Mr. Hunter came to this city last night and registered at the Lexington. When the chambermaid went around to clean up the rooms there was no response to her knocks upon the door of No. 17.

Securing a step ladder, she looked through the transom and saw Mr. Hunter lying on the floor, face downward. The door was at once forced open, but he was beyond human aid, and had evidently fallen and died while dressing. The coroner found that death was due to rheumatism of the heart.

Mr. Hunter was seventy-two years old. He was well known here, where he had been in business. He was a prominent Mason. A widow and several children survive. The remains were taken to Fredericksburg for interment this evening.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Southall to-day rendered a very important decision. It was to the effect that no trustee or officer of the public school system is eligible to the position of census enumerator. It is said that this will bar out a number that have been appointed.

JACKSON WARD TROUBLES.

Mr. Wm. L. Royall, who has been retained by the Republicans of Jackson Ward, who claim fraud in the recent city election, said to-day that he would probably file a petition in the Hustings Court to-morrow. Mr. Royall expects to show that at several of the precincts the ballot-boxes were placed in back rooms, instead of in plain view of the voters, as required by law.

MRS. FITZHUGH LEE ILL.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, who arrived here last night from New York, is quite sick at the residence of her friend, Mrs. Cackie Cabell. Mrs. Lee is suffering from asthma, and will not be able to leave the city for some time.

A NEW BANK.

Messrs. J. W. and Newton Lockwood, founders of the American National Bank here, have withdrawn from that institution, and will shortly establish a bank at Orange, Va. They have been granted a charter.

DR. GILCHRIST NOMINATED.

The annual meeting of the veterinary surgeons and doctors of the State will be held in Norfolk on June 26th.

The members of the State Board of Examiners will be appointed by Governor Tyler some time this week. The following are among some of the doctors that are recommended for the board: Drs. Thomas M. Sweeney, of Richmond; E. P. Miles, of Blacksburg; H. A. Fernythough, of Somerset; W. H. Belynn, of Lincoln; W. S. Drake, of Leesburg; W. T. Gilchrist, of Norfolk, and H. Bannister, of Roanoke.

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A TYPICAL BOXER

There is much alarm in Peking because the great army of "Boxers" who recently defeated the government troops are marching upon the capital. It is said that the "Society of Boxers" has a membership of 11,000,000 men in China. They are making it their mission to drive all foreigners out of China, and it is alleged that they have the secret sympathy of the dowager empress.

cans, with a machine gun and a field gun, landed here last night amidst great enthusiasm on the part of the residents. Five Russian and one British warship have arrived at Taku, and the British are now landing. Other warships are hourly expected.

Three thousand Chinese troops from Lu Tai are expected here today en route to Fang Tai.

There is a disposition here to believe that the "boxers" will disperse before the foreign troops are ready to act. Tien Tsin is in no danger.

BESIEGED BELGIANS SAFE.

Tien Tsin, May 30.—The rescue party of Frenchmen and Germans returned from Chang Tsin Tien this afternoon. They confirm the report that the besieged Belgians are now safe at Peking. They found several thousand "boxers" about the ruins of Lu-Kow-Chiao and Chang Sin Tien stations. The bridges have been damaged and the rolling stock destroyed. At both places the damage done is considerably greater than at Fang Tai. The members of the rescue party saw several bodies of Chi-

day formally opened the tenth annual reunion of the order, which, in point of attendance, is already the largest ever held.

All things conspired to make the occasion a success, with the exception of the weather, which was about as disagreeable as it well could be. All through the early hours of the morning the rain came down in sheets.

For an hour previous to the time set for the opening of the meeting the veterans and their friends made their way in a steady stream to the hall, and by 11:30 it was well filled.

The band struck up "Dixie," and then came the old rebel yell with a fire and vigor never surpassed during the days of the war.

On the platform besides General S. B. Buckner, Rev. J. J. Jones, Hon. J. H. Reagan, the only surviving member of the Cabinet of Jefferson Davis; General W. T. Cabell, General J. H. West, Colonel Thomas W. Bullitt, Colonel B. H. Young, Rev. Carter H. Jones, Dr. B. M. Palmer and others.

The Mayor, whose speech was received with much applause, was followed by Colonel Thomas F. Bullitt, who welcomed the visitors to Louis-